

HOUSE BILL 4024

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;  
Title 33; Title 37; Title 49; Title 56; Title 68 and  
Title 71, relative to special needs children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

71-5-150.

(a) On or before January 1, 2009, the commissioner of finance and administration is directed to seek either a state plan amendment or an appropriate federal waiver, as appropriate, in order to permit a parent or guardian of a special needs child to purchase medical assistance coverage as part of the TennCare program as a supplement to any private insurance that may available to the child or the child's family. Such TennCare coverage may only be used to pay expenses not covered by any private insurance that provides coverage for the child.

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not take effect unless and until all appropriate approvals have been obtained from the federal department of health and human services concerning a state plan amendment or federal waiver.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.